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FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

Town Mosquito Spray

Starting Monday nights on

June 7, 2021

Will rotate every 3 weeks.

Program Ends

September 28, 2021

for additional questions,

Call Public Works at 240-993-9243

or view website forestheightsmd.gov

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

(Fiscal Year 2022)

JUNE 14TH, 2021 @ 6:30 P.M.

MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF FOREST HEIGHTS

ENCOURAGES ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN A <u>VIRTUAL</u> MEETING

Access Dial-in 301-715-8592 @ Meeting ID: 8451821852#

Public comments can be added to the speakers' list by calling 301-839-1030 or by sending an email to

shawkins@foretheightsmd.gov

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Community News



Kids to Parks Day

Saturday, June 19th, 2021 12 Noon-3 PM

Bell Acres Park

197 North Huron Drive Forest Heights, MD 20745 With Games, Snacks, Outdoor Fun, and a Moon Bounce Free Admission

Senior Exercise Group

The Forest Heights Senior Exercise Class meets in the Municipal Building at 5508 Arapahoe Drive on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 PM. The exercise class is free to join for Forest Heights Seniors, and a great way to stay connected and stay fit.

RESET, RESTART... REOPENING!

The Town of Forest Heights is 100% open for business! In keeping with compliance with Prince George's County's latest COVID-19 regulation, the Community Garden, Community Gathering Space, and Mohican Drive Tot Lot are open to the public. The Municipal Building is open from Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-5:00 PM. The Community Room is available for rentals at 50% percent capacity. Visitors to the Municipal Building must continue to wear a mask.

Prince George's County has lifted COVID-19 restrictions regarding maximum capacity for most business establishments, with social distancing and mask requirements still in place. Indoor gatherings remain limited to 20 persons and outdoor gatherings limited to 50 persons. Residents who are fully vaccinated no longer need to wear a mask outdoors while outside alone, or when in small gatherings. Masks are still required for crowded outdoor venues and indoors.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND READOPTING AND AMENDING ARTICLE 20 (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND INTERNAL CONTROLS), SECTION 20.4 (PROCEDURES) OF THE ORDINANCE CODE OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT FOR SMALL PURCHASES FROM \$1,000 TO \$5,000 THEREBY AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE SMALL PURCHASES UP TO \$5,000 WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL BY THE COUNCIL, AND GENERALLY RELATING TO PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES.

Introduced By: Councilmember Taunya Hines, Ward 3.First reading April 5, 2021. Seconded reading April 21, 2021Motion Passed April 21, 2021 at 9:15pm. Posted in the Gazette April 23, 2021 and April 30, 2021.

UNA ORDENANZA DEL ALCALDE Y EL CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND READOPTÓ Y MODIFICÓ EL ARTÍCULO 20 (GESTIÓN FINANCIERA Y CONTROLES INTERNOS), SECCIÓN 20.4 (PROCEDIMIENTOS) DEL CÓDIGO DE ORDENANZA DE LA CIUDAD DE FOREST HEIGHTS PARA CAMBIAR EL UMBRAL DE COMPRAS DESDE \$ 1,000 A \$ 5,000 AUTORIZANDO AL ALCALDE A HACER COMPRAS PEQUEÑAS HASTA \$ 5,000 SIN LA APROBACIÓN PREVIA DEL CONSEJO Y, EN GENERAL, RELACIONADAS CON LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS DE ADQUISICIÓN.

Forest Heights Police Department Calls for Service May 2021

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911 DISCONNECT 26 SUSPICIOUS AUTO SUSPICIOUS OCC. AUTO **ACCIDENT** ANIMAL COMPLAINT SUSPICIOUS PERSON **BREAK IN REPORT** THEFT FROM AUTO **CHECK WELFARE** THEFT JO CHECK WELFARE COMB. THEFT REPORT CW18 59 THREATS COMPLAINT DISORDERLY 10 TRAFFIC COMPLAINT TRAFFIC HAZARD **DOMESTIC** DOMESTIC COMBINED **UNKNOWN TROUBLE** VANDALISM FAMILY DISPUTE **FIGHT** VEHICLE ACCIDENT COMB **FOUND Total Calls Handled** HIT AND RUN MISC POLIC INCIDENT 10 MISSING PERSON NOISE COMPLAINT 2 PARTY COMPLAINT PREMISE CHECK 219 PROPERTY DAMAGE 2

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RESIDENTIAL ALARM SUBJECT STOP

POLICE STATION
Open Monday through Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
301-839-4040
(Emergency) 911 (Non-Emergency)
(301) 352-1200



Forest Heights June 2021

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Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Now Available

The Town of Forest Heights has installed 2 Level 2 electric vehicle charging stations at the Municipal Building parking lot. They are now open to the public, and available for use 24/7 effective June 1. The stations, which each come with 2 ports, will cost users \$0.18/kwh. These stations were installed and maintained at no cost to the Town in a partnership with Pepco, as a way to promote and offer greater opportunities to use green energy. Call Public Works at 240-993-9243 if you have any additional questions or concerns. We are doing our part to make Forest Heights a more clean, green, and sustainable community.







SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC UPDATES

Want to be connected to the latest updates? The Town of Forest Heights is working to keep you informed through multiple modes of media.

Email kvia@forestheightsmd.gov to be added to the Electronic Mailing List. You will receive a copy of any updates that are posted to the Forest Heights website. Call 301-839-1030 if you have any questions or concerns.

POLICE ON PATROL



The Forest Heights Police Department has begun adding foot patrols in town, in addition to their presence in police vehicles. This has been done in order to engage more with our community. Foot patrols and preventative policing help the town by increasing personal connections, building up public trust, and using multiple solutions to help prevent and deter crime before it happens. The Forest Heights Police Department is proud to serve the community and is working to deliver the best results for its residents.





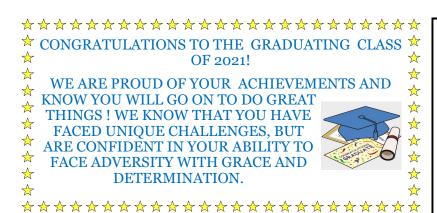
Community News continued

Tree Law

In Maryland, a property owner may utilize "self-help" to trim back at the property line any tree branches or roots encroaching from an adjoining property. This includes trimming overhanging branches located above the ground that break the imaginary plane—located along the property line. The exception is that any trimming of encroaching branches or roots must not be so severe as to threaten the health of the adjoining property owner's tree or other vegetation. If a tree straddles the property line, it is considered jointly owned by both neighbors and both must agree to any removal or pruning of the boundary line tree, unless the tree immediately presents an unsafe—condition. Another exception to the self-help remedy exists with regard to roadside trees. Any person who desires to cut down or trim any roadside tree must apply to either the Maryland Department of Natural Resources or the local government (county or municipality) for a permit.

Nonetheless, permits are not required to trim a tree that is uprooted or has branches broken so as to endanger persons or property unless local ordinances state otherwise. Roadside trees are typically located within the unimproved portion of the public right-of-way. However, one should check with the Town and/or a recorded plot to determine the exact location of the property lines.

When dealing with dead trees, the owner on whose property the dead tree stands may have a duty to prevent injury to neighbors or passersby where the tree poses a danger. The owner of an urban tree, such as in Forest Heights, typically has a higher legal duty to use reasonable care to protect the safety of others. If an urban property owner had notice or was otherwise made aware of a dangerous tree condition, he or she would be held responsible for any damages or injuries to unsuspecting persons or property caused by fallen dead branches. If the fallen tree or branch occurs without prior notice or occurs to a healthy tree, it is often referred to as an "Act of God" and the owner is typically not considered to be liable.



PLEASE TAKE CARE DURING SUMMER

As we go through summer please remember to take the necessary safety precautions. Pay attention to heat advisories and warnings. Plan outdoor activities to avoid the hottest parts of the day. Wear light colored clothing when outside and be sure to take plenty of breaks in the shade if performing strenuous activity. This year it is more important than ever to practice healthy habits and stay safe.

Forest Heights Farmers Market

Running from July-October

Every Wednesday 11:00 AM—4:00 P.M.

Abundant Life Ministries
5533 Livingston Road, Forest Heights,
MD 20745



Weatherization Assistance Available: FREE HOME UPGRADES

Apply for weatherization upgrades that can make your home more energy efficient. The new and updated applications are here! Applications can be found at the Forest Heights Municipal Building or emailed on request. Applications can be dropped off at the mailbox at the municipal building. **Veterans and Retired homeowners will be given preference.** For more information, call 301-839-1030. Anyone who meets the income requirements is welcome to apply. Come check it out today!

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1	\$57,750.00	2	\$66,000.00
3	\$74,200.00	4	\$82,500.00
5	\$89,100.00	6	\$95,700.00
7	\$102,300.00	8	\$108,900.00

COVID-19 and Community News

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSIONS

1st MONDAYS @ 7:30 PM

Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 86008316885

TOWN MEETINGS

3rd WEDNESDAYS @ 8:00 PM Dial-In: 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563484463

As a precaution in response to the Coronavirus outbreak,
Town Meetings will be open to the public but will be held by
teleconference.

For Public Period, each person will be limited to two (2) minutes for public comments and the Mayor and Council Members will not provide feedback to comments or statements provided from the public.

Please send written questions or comments to the Town Clerk at Shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. Comments/questions will be submitted to the appropriate individual.



COVID-19 VACCINATION SITES NEARBY

Sports and Learning Complex 8001 Sheriff Road, Landover MD

Southern Regional Technology Center 7007 Bock Road, Fort Washington

For first-dose appointments, schedule by visiting https://covidvaccinereg.princegeorgescountymd.gov/

OR Call 311 and press # for assistance.

COVID-19 Survey

The Town of Forest Heights is assessing the need for vaccinations. If you are a senior aged 65 or older and have not received the COVID-19 vaccine, please let us know. You may call us at 301-839-1030 or email shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov. We want to hear from you!



Free Health Resources-Doctors Community Health System

Free Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

Doctors Community Hospital
8116 Good Luck Road
Professional Office Building, Suite 110
Lanham, MD 20706
301-552-8524 DCHweb/org/breast Women who reside in
Prince George's County may qualify if they have a photo or
Picture ID, are ages 40 or older, are uninsured or
underinsured or have a limited income. Appointment

Free Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

Doctors Community Hospital 8100 Good Luck Road North Building, 4th Floor Lanham, MD 20706 301-552-7705 DCHweb.org/prevention

required.

Colon or colorectal cancer is often preventable or curable. If you are a Prince George's County resident you may qualify for a no cost colonoscopy if you are ages 50 or older, ages 60 or younger with a family history of colorectal cancer, or uninsured or underinsured. Appointment required.

Vaccine Supply and Administration



- The County Health Department has provided over 151,000 vaccinations, including over 4,800 last week. We have provided over 2,600 vaccinations this week through May 27.
- Over 800 first doses and 1,700 second doses have been provided as of May 27.
- To date, the County has received 195,123 vaccines, and has administered 151,477 of those doses (approximately 77.6%). This metric (percentage of vaccine administered) changes day to day as new vaccine shipments come in and the number of second dose vaccines waiting to be given are administered in the days ahead.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Forest Heights is seeking a program coordinator to manage the Healthy Heights Program. The Healthy Heights program includes, The Playful Town Program, The Let's Move Program, and Healthy Heights Senior Program initiatives and related duties as assigned.

Healthy Heights Program Coordinator, Forest Heights, Maryland (PART-TIME)

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES*

The primary duties of the Forest Heights Healthy Heights Coordinator are to develop, oversee and supervise programs to benefit the youth and the seniors of the Town of Forest Heights. Duties will include coordination and establishing various monthly educational seminars that provide information and interaction for seniors and other members of the community on matters such as health, finance, diet, nutrition, exercise and other quality of life concerns. The successful candidate will also be expected to provide guidance and oversight with respect to the abovementioned programs for youth with respect to healthy lifestyle intervention and education, maintain and monitor the program Budget and, assistance when needed with front desk telephone duties. Please submit resumes to LRobinson@forestheightsmd.gov. No phone calls.

WORK HOURS

The employees will be expected to work 20-25 hours per week. Monday thru Friday. (Not eligible for Over-Time) \$15.00 Per Hour

BENEFITS None

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Any combination of education and experience demonstrating the ability to effectively and successfully perform the duties of the position is considered qualifying.

Education: Associate degree from an accredited college or university with course work in a related field is preferred. However, combination of experience and education for candidates without an Associate Degree will be considered.

License/Certificate Requirements: A valid drivers' license from state of residence is required, accompanied by proof of an acceptable driving record which must be maintained during employment.

Any certifications held by the applicant in the abovementioned areas of senior/youth training or education will be considered favorable

Experience: Knowledge and/or experience with respect to fitness programs, healthy lifestyles training for both youth and seniors is preferred...proven ability to work with youth and senior population is desired.

Desired Skills:

- Strong verbal and writing skills
- Strong public speaking/presentation skills
- Experience and ability to work and collaborate with County, State and other government agencies to develop, maintain and negotiate program initiatives for the Town of Forest Heights
- · Proven ability to meet with, speak to, and work with various community-based organizations
- Possession of skills to effectively deal with and research "quality of life" issues and best practices in the community and on the County, State and National levels

TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS CLOSED

The Town of Forest Heights will be closed Monday, July 5, 2021 in observance of Independence Day. We will re-open on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 8:30 AM. Trash collection will NOT be affected.





Men's Health Month

June is National Men's Health Month. It can be observed by taking the time to commit to having a checkup, learning your risk factors, and documenting family medical history. For more information about what you can do, visit www.menshealthmonth.org.



OXON HILL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The Oxon Hill Library, in partnership with Believers of Faith Ministries, will be hosting a weekly food distribution on Tuesdays from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM while supplies last. Free to attend.



^{*}This position is supervised by the Town Administrator

Community Calendars

June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM Trash Pickup	2	3 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	4	5
6	7 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup MAYOR/ COUNCIL WORKSESSION 7:30 pm DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 860 083 16885	8 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	9	10 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	11	12
13	14 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Budget Hearing 6:30 PM ZOOM. Dial 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 845 182 1852	15 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	16 MAYOR/ COUNCIL TOWN MEETING 8pm via ZOOM DIAL 301-715-8592 Meeting ID: 563 484 463	17 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	18	19 Kids to Parks Day 12-3 PM
20	21 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	22 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	23	24 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	25	26
27	28 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup	29 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	30			

July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Trash, Yard Waste and Recycling Pickup Town Hall Closed	6 Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	7 Farmers Marker 11AM-4PM	8 Bulk Trash 3 items or less Senior Exercise 12:00 PM	9	10
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Forest Heights June 2021

Local Forest Heights

Post Customer

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FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Grass Heights should be below 8 inches.

Leash Law. It is against the law for the owner or custodian of any animal to allow the animal to run at-large. Any dog or cat that is found at-large will be impounded. A Violation Notice will be issued to the owner of an animal found. Scoop that Poop. The owner or custodian of any dog or cat must remove their pet's excrement from public or private property.



Please pick up grass clippings

When cutting your lawn, you must remove all grass clippings. They can be a slipping hazard when on the road. Grass can be used in compost. This is the final notice. The fine for leaving out grass clippings is \$100.



NOTICE:

All mattresses and box springs being set out for Bulk Trash **MUST** be covered or they will not be picked up. This prevents workers from coming into contact with bedbugs. Thank you for your cooperation.



Trash/Recycle Collection is to be placed at the curb the night before collection.

PICK-UP DAYS BEGIN AT 6:30 a.m. MONDAY—Trash, Yard Waste & Recycling

Forest Heights Residents:

Yard Waste must be placed in paper bags or trash cans marked Yard Waste, paper bags should not be out all weekend especially if it's going to rain.

Tree limbs must be tied together in small bundles

Not to exceed 4 feet in length.

THURSDAY—Bulk (Three Items or Less) NO METAL

Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad—ext. 1223

Hmuhammad@forestheightsmd.gov

Town Council/Administration Ward I

Robert Barnes

rbarnes@forestheightsmd.gov

Calvin Washington

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Ward II

Clifton Atkinson

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Taunya Hines

thines@forestheightsmd.gov

Paula Noble

pnoble@forestheightsmd.gov

Linwood Robinson, Town Administrator- ext. 1234

Irobinson@forestheightsmd.gov

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk—ext. 1233

shawkins@forestheightsmd.gov

Kathleen Via, Administrative Assistant—ext. 1229

kvia@forestheightsmd.gov

Leittia Vaughn, Town Treasurer-ext. 1235

lvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

Larry Vaughn, Public Works Director—ext. 1231

Idvaughn@forestheightsmd.gov

POLICE DEPARTMENT (301) 839-4040

Chief of Police, Col. Anthony Rease—ext. 1224

chief@forestheightsmd.gov

Senora Thompson Scott, Police Clerk—ext. 1225

SenoraT@forestheightsmd.gov

Lisa White, Director of Communications

FHPD Media@forestheightsmd.gov

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE

Joseph Hawkins—ext.1228

code enforcement @ for estheight smd. gov

Information Line (240) 493-6998

Non-Emergency (301) 352-1200 EMERGENCY DIAL 911

www.forestheightsmd.gov ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

Phone (301) 839-1030 Fax (301) 839-9236

8:30a.m.—5:00 p.m.

NOTARY SERVICES-by appointment only

8:30 a.m-4:00 p.m.